

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 12 through 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 15 and 16 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a plurality of developing devices for developing an electrostatic image formed on  
an image bearing member;  
a rotary member holding said plurality of developing devices for selectively moving  
any developing device to a developing position,  
wherein said rotary member starts a deceleration of a rotational speed of said rotary  
member before a selected developing device arrives at the developing position,  
wherein each of said plurality of developing devices includes a first developer  
carrying member and a second developer carrying member for developing the electrostatic  
image with developers carried by said first and second developer carrying members,  
respectively, and  
wherein said second developer carrying member is disposed upstream of said first  
developer carrying member in a rotating direction of said rotary member;  
a first abutting member provided on said first developer carrying member for  
abutting against said image bearing member to ensure a distance between said first  
developer carrying member and said image bearing member; and

a second abutting member provided on said second developer carrying member for abutting against said image bearing member to ensure a distance between said second developer carrying member and said image bearing member,

wherein during a movement of the selected developing device to said developing position in association with a rotation of said rotary member, said second abutting member is brought into contact with said image bearing member, thereafter said first abutting member is brought into contact with said image bearing member, according to Claim 12,

wherein said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member are fixedly disposed in each of said plurality of developing devices, and each of said plurality of developing devices is held pivotally movable with respect to said rotary member.

16. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of developing devices for developing an electrostatic image formed on an image bearing member;

a rotary member holding said plurality of developing devices for selectively moving any developing device to a developing position,

wherein said rotary member starts a deceleration of a rotational speed of said rotary member before a selected developing device arrives at the developing position,

wherein each of said plurality of developing devices includes a first developer carrying member and a second developer carrying member for developing the electrostatic image with developers carried by said first and second developer carrying members, respectively, and

wherein said second developer carrying member is disposed upstream of said first developer carrying member in a rotating direction of said rotary member;

a first abutting member provided on said first developer carrying member for abutting against said image bearing member to ensure a distance between said first developer carrying member and said image bearing member; and

a second abutting member provided on said second developer carrying member for abutting against said image bearing member to ensure a distance between said second developer carrying member and said image bearing member,

wherein during a movement of the selected developing device to said developing position in association with a rotation of said rotary member, said second abutting member is brought into contact with said image bearing member, thereafter said first abutting member is brought into contact with said image bearing member, according to Claim 12;

wherein during the movement of the selected developing device to the [[said]] developing position, a distance between an outermost portion of said second abutting member and a rotation center of said rotary member is larger than a distance between an outermost portion of said first abutting member and the rotation center of said rotary member.